

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are presented. Each is independent. The claims have been amended to define the invention more precisely, and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a publication of Camarda, "Using Microsoft Word 97." The Examiner contends that every feature recited in each claim is fully disclosed by the Camarda document.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended to define the invention more precisely. As amended, they clearly avoid the rejection.

Amended claim 1 calls for display control means which causes display of options in the display unit by division or scroll and enables selecting an option not currently displayed in the display unit from the options to be selected. When an option not currently displayed has been selected, the display control means causes display of a screen associated with the selected option in the display unit and performs a display so as to include the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next.

Claim 2 has been similarly amended and calls for display control means which causes display of options in the display unit by division or scroll and enables selecting an option not currently displayed in the display unit from the options to be selected. When an option not

currently displayed has been selected, the display control means causes display of a screen associated with the selected option in the display unit. It further causes display of information indicating the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next.

The Camarda document neither discloses nor suggests the features called for by the claims. In particular, Camarda fails to disclose the feature of the present invention that an option (e.g., a file) not currently displayed in the original selection screen (whether the Open Dialog box or, as the Office action suggests on page 2, the Most Recently Used file list) can be selected (opened). It is true that any file in the Open Dialog box or Most Recently Used file list can be opened, but to open the file it first has to be displayed.

For concreteness, we refer by way of example to Figs. 34A-C of the application. In Fig. 34A, options 1 through 4 are displayed. If 6 is then entered, it does not scroll down or page down to option 6 but instead displays suboptions 6-1 through 6-4 (Fig. 34B), which were not previously displayed. If the clear button is then pressed, the screen reverts to page 2 of the original menu and highlights option 6. There is nothing in the Camarda document corresponding to that.

Moreover, there is no disclosure or suggestion in the Camarda document that the display control means performs a display so as to include the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next (claim 1) or causes display of information indicating the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next (claim 2). For example (again compare Figs. 34A-C of the application), there is no suggestion in the Camarda

document that the display returns to the original selection screen upon operation of a clear key after an option is selected, or that the selected option is displayed when the display returns to the original selection screen.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

The additional documents of record, whether considered separately, in combination with one another, or in combination with the publication of Camarda, fail to disclose or suggest the invention as defined in the claims as resubmitted.

For the reasons stated, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment and issue a notice of allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Twice Amended) A communication terminal comprising:
a display unit (14) which displays an original selection screen for selecting at least one of a plurality of options; and

display control means (11) which causes display of options in said display unit by division or scroll [to enable] and enables selecting an option not currently displayed in said display unit from the options to be selected, and which causes, when an option not currently displayed has been selected, display of a screen associated with said selected option in said display unit and performs a display so as to include said selected option when displaying said original selection screen next.--

--2. (Twice Amended) A communication terminal comprising:
a display unit (14) which displays an original selection screen for selecting at least one of a plurality of options; and

display control means (11) which causes display of options in said display unit by division or scroll [to enable] and enables selecting an option not currently displayed in said display unit from the options to be selected, and which causes, when an option not currently displayed has been selected, display of a screen associated with said selected option in said display unit, and causes display of information indicating said selected option when displaying said original selection screen next.--